

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Julian called the regular meeting of the Kasson Township Board to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Greg Julian – Supervisor, Dana Boomer - Clerk, Tad Carter – Trustee, Roger Noonan - Trustee  
Member(s) Absent: Julia Carter - Treasurer  
Staff Present: Sheree Nelson

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – The board briefly discussed the agenda. **Noonan moved to approve the agenda as presented. T. Carter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES** – The board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting on February 8, 2022. **T. Carter moved, Noonan seconded to approve the February 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATION:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- a) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** J. Carter had previously submitted the treasurer's report to the board. Receipts total \$510,992.91. Disbursements \$615,705.25. Balance \$737,023.79. **Boomer moved to accept the treasurer's report in J. Carter's absence; T. Carter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**
- b) **BUDGET REPORT:** Boomer and Nelson presented the budget report through February. The board briefly discussed.
- c) **BILL APPROVAL** – Boomer presented the updated check detail. The board briefly discussed. **Noonan moved to pay the bills as presented; seconded by T. Carter. All in favor, motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Cemeteries** – Boomer asked if the board was still considering putting fencing in at the East Kasson Cemetery in 2022. The board discussed – there needs to be repairs to the north, east and west sides, and the south side needs to be replaced. The board had consensus to replace the south side with a 6' high fence, versus the 4' high fence in other areas. Julian will work to contact fence companies for quotes. Noonan will reach out to the neighboring property owner regarding the placement of her fence.
- b. **Mining/Gravel Legislation** – There has been no change on the gravel legislation – it remains in committee at the House level.

- c. **Sidewalk Ordinance** – Mr. Grier had provided an updated sidewalk ordinance, which expanded upon the draft presented last month. The board discussed the draft, and its applicability to the sidewalks in Maple City. The board discussed whether there should be an assessment of the current sidewalks done prior to the approval of the ordinance. Boomer will reach out to Grier to ask his opinion of this, and Paul Olson regarding insurance liability on the current sidewalks. Board members will plan to walk the sidewalks in Maple City once the snow melts, and Julian will continue to work with Complete Outdoor for quote on cleaning the weeds from the sidewalks.
- d. **2022/2023 Budget** – The board reviewed the updated proposed budget. Additional money will be allocated for capital and contractual items in the Cemetery section, for the fencing in the East Kasson Cemetery and the stump grinding in the Kasson Cemetery.
- e. **Other Unfinished Business** - None

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Other New Business** - None

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS – EXPLORATION**

- a. **Maple City Improvement Project** – Julian spoke with Brandon and Garth from the LCRC, and was told there would be a representative at the annual meeting. Regarding the Maple City village road project and the other projects, there has been no progress. The board briefly discussed whether they were interested in moving forward with the sidewalks if the LCRC is not moving forward with the road in the immediate future. The preference would be to do both projects together. Julian asked Cypher whether he has substantial enforcement work regarding sidewalks in other jurisdictions – Cypher stated it is rare, and tends to be in high traffic areas when cracks are formed due to heaving tree roots or other similar issues.
- b. **Broadband** – No update. There have been no further communication from the broadband committee, the county or Cherry Capital Communications.
- c. **Township Hall Renovation** – T. Carter stated that J. Carter may have some quotes from builders for the front entrance and the architect for the north wall project. He will speak with her about emailing those out.
- d. **Fire Department Water Points** – Boomer still needs to contact B&Z regarding final cost including electrical and timeline.
- e. **Fire Department Capital Improvements/MOU** – There has been a draft lease agreement developed regarding the current station building, and some budget figures and cost projects have been developed in relation to possible capital numbers. The subcommittee is still working to develop a MOU regarding shared capital costs. Carter expressed opposition to Kasson Township putting capital money into the existing building as it is owned by Solon and Centerville Township. Boomer feels that there may be room for Kasson Township to contribute capital monies to the existing station if there is a commitment from Solon and Centerville to contribute to a station owned by all four townships. The board discussed, and is interested to see what comes out of the next month of discussion.

**REPORTS: Planning Commission (PC)** – At the February meeting, the Krause storage proposal SUP was approved with conditions, the Cloninger property was discussed (Cypher will cover this more later), and there will be a public hearing for the Master Plan at the April meeting.

**Zoning Administrator (ZA)** – Cypher had previously submitted written reports to the board. The board briefly discussed. Cypher also submitted the annual report to the board. Cypher is still working with Mr. Lively and Mr. Grier on a final order of approval for the Lively Project Phase 1 – this will then go to the PC for final approval. Regarding the Cloninger project, Mr. Cloninger has requested amendments to the PUD. He is proposing to put two housekeeping units per lot, instead of one single-family residence. This would fit the “minor” category, which is generally reviewed by the Zoning Administrator, but because Cypher was not here for the initial approval, he requested a review by the PC. The PC authorized Cypher to proceed with the review as a minor amendment, and have the final determination on the amendment. However, there are additional considerations that have be discovered, and the process is still ongoing. The board and Cypher discussed ongoing issues in the township.

**Supervisor** – Julian summarized his activities for the month. He attended the quarterly supervisor meeting, the invasive species meeting for the Lake Leelanau Lake Association, and the library meeting. Per diem training stipends were discussed at the supervisors meeting for various township employees, including board and commission members. The board discussed, and has no opposition to this, but would like a policy in place. Julian will request policies from the other townships that stated they provide stipends.

**Assessor** – There was a Board of Review meeting this morning. Partial poverty exemptions were discussed, but no action was taken. The March BoR meetings will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Board** – The board and public discussed how to get citizens more engaged in the department. Noonan suggested re-starting annual open houses. Boomer reported that the Regional Training Center is partnering with MIWORKS to offer free training for most of the current class of EMT students and possibly for some or all fire students next winter.

**Clerk/Elections Report** – There are no scheduled elections until August 2022. Boomer is beginning to work on procuring supplies for the 2022 elections. Boomer worked on a large FOIA request with Grier and Cypher regarding the Lively matter in February.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hall Use and Buildings and Grounds Reports** –There are no issues with building and grounds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jerry Gretzinger – he would like to see a long-term plan for the capital improvements in Maple City, so that all improvements can be done in a united and methodical fashion.

**BOARD COMMENT:** Noonan wants to make sure that higher fuel costs are accounted for in the 2022/23 budget. Julian reminded everyone that events in Europe will have a trickle-down effect in the US, and can even have an effect on governmental decisions in northern Michigan. Julian thanked David Noonan for joining the Planning Commission.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7 pm. The annual meeting will be March 19, 2022 at 10 am, with a special meeting on the budget to follow immediately after.

**Motion** by Noonan to adjourn, second by T. Carter / **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Submitted by:

Dana Boomer, Township Clerk